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Third Judicial Circuit Announces Closures at one of its locations for April 22 NFL Draft Week

The Third Judicial Circuit will have remote services only for Court operations normally held at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (CAYMC) from Monday, April 22 through Friday, April 26 due to the NFL Draft. Other locations will maintain full operations for most of that week.

Access to the CAYMC will be very difficult for the week of April 22 as a result of road closures and perimeter fencing given the draft's epicenter near Campus Martius Park and Jefferson Avenue. Many parking structures will have limited access in this area the entire week and navigation around the area will be restricted. As a result, the Court will have no in-person services at CAYMC. Normal operations will resume on Monday, April 29.

In-person services for the Third Judicial Circuit will continue at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, Lincoln Hall of Justice and Penobscot Building. There will be no jury trials at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on Thursday, April 25 and Friday, April 26 only. Normal Court operations will be held at all locations on April 29, 2024.

All parties can expect surrounding street closures and high traffic volume, and should plan accordingly.

"The NFL Draft will be a tremendous opportunity for the city of Detroit and Wayne County to once again show the world that we are a destination for tourists and events," said Third Judicial Circuit Executive Court Administrator Frank Hardester. "We are working with our Jurists, employees and judicial partners to ensure Court operations continue.

The NFL Draft will be held from April 25-27 and is expected to draw at least 300,000 visitors to the city, with an estimated economic impact of at least \$160 million to the region, according to multiple media reports. A reported 2 million square feet of infrastructure requirements are leading to widespread road closures in parts of downtown Detroit.

About the Third Judicial Circuit

The Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan is the largest circuit court in the state, with 59 judges and three operating divisions. It has jurisdiction over civil, criminal, and family matters arising in Wayne County. Learn more at www.3rdcc.org.